

## THE HAPPIEST HOUR.

How Some Well-Known Women Answered an Interesting Question.

Some time ago Edward W. Bok, of the Ladies' Home Journal, submitted to a number of the best-known American and European women the question: "Which, in your opinion, is the happiest hour of a woman's life?" This question is really the most unique of a long list of questions concerning women, their feelings and motives, that are torturing the masculine mind. The answers were no less unique and full of interest.

Louise Chandler Moulton said in reply: "But I honestly think that real happiness comes to a woman only hand in hand with love. \* \* \* When she begins to feel that she begins to be tremulously, deliciously, deliciously happy. But that is only the beginning. When her troth is plighted—is that her happiest moment? She does not think so then; for she is looking forward to her bridal morning. The new life begins. Is that, then, the happiest moment? Hardly. A year—a year of mutual forbearance; of getting well acquainted—a happy year; and now they look into each other's eyes fearlessly. They are one at last, and for all time!"

"Surely that is the happiest moment? I had made up my mind to say so; but—is it?"

"Ah, I think, after all, the happiest moment is when love is a sweet, shy new-comer, and hope leads it by the hand."

Rose Terry Cooke says: "I believe the happiest hour of a woman's life is her last."

Mrs. A. D. T. Whitney thinks the happiest hour depends upon which woman it is, and does not think her happiest hour has yet come.

"The Duchess" can not decide—there are so many blissful hours in life for most of us. But, she, too, thinks "To love, and to feel oneself beloved—that is indeed to know the best of life."

Jenny June writes: "Twice in my life I have experienced moments of supreme exaltation, when all material things seemed at a distance from me, and I was only alive to the perception and influence of the profound emotion excited by the circumstances and environment. One of these occasions was on first arriving at Stratford-on-Avon, the second while hearing 'Parsifal' at Bayreuth. Since then I have had a dim idea of the happiness we shall know when we can see, feel and understand."

Mrs. Frank Leslie thinks it is in the expectation of reaching the "top brick of the chimney" that the happiest hour is begun; "and, if by some prodigious effort we secure it, we find it sooty, battered, coarse, and clumsy, and we throw it out of the window," and the Happiest Hour of Life is over!

## YOUNG CHUMP'S BEARD.

Taken for a Bunco-Steerer When He Had the Growth Removed.

The first few weeks after a man sets in to raise a full beard bring with them so much discomfort that many persons go through the ordeal while on their vacations, says the New York Tribune. The feeling that something is wrong caused by a week's growth of hair on the face soon wears away in the mountain or by the lake-side, where every thing is more or less unconventional, or in Europe, where one meets few or no friends; and so the crowds returning to the city from the various summer resorts contain many bearded faces that were smooth a few months ago.

The young man who comes back with, as he thinks, a creditable showing on cheek and chin, is always chaffed more or less by his friends at the meagerness of the results of his efforts. Not infrequently he is driven to believe that he would better give up his attempt and begin over again on his next vacation, and he gets shaved.

This happened a few days ago to a young man, just old enough to vote, who returned from a three months' absence in Europe with a beard. After having fun poked at his whiskers all day, he had them removed. The next morning, however, an incident occurred which made him regret that he had been so faint-hearted. He was walking in Broadway, when he met an Englishman with whom he had gotten well acquainted on his voyage home, and naturally addressed him by name and held out his hand to him. The young man could not understand the look of suspicion which came over his acquaintance's face, and was even more surprised when no attention was paid to his outstretched hand. The Englishman looked uneasily around.

"Why, don't you recollect Mr. So-and-so, who came over on the steamer with you?" asked the puzzled American. "Are you—well, to be sure. I declare I didn't know you. Your having your beard shaved off made such a difference in your appearance. How are you?" and the Englishman grasped the hand that had fallen to the American's side. The foreigner then confessed that he had taken the other man for one of the "bunco-steerers," of whose skill in finding out people's names he had been told. He was just about to call a policeman when he recognized the American.

The young New Yorker now feels convinced of his ability to raise a satisfactory beard, and tells the story to his friends to show them that their chaffing was unjust.

## The Chances at Lottery.

This is how an expert statistician figures out the chances of winning in a lottery: "A \$1 ticket implies one chance in 3 of winning 85 cents, one chance in 19 of winning \$1.75, and one chance in 1,237 of winning \$4.25. It will be seen, therefore, that the most unswerving devotion to the purchase of lottery tickets can not be depended upon to insure affluence or even a comfortable livelihood for the smallest and most frugal household. It is absolutely necessary that you have some other means of subsistence."

## Doesn't Care for Sleep.

David Klino, a farmer of Friedensburg, Pa., says that for three years he has not slept an average of two hours out of the twenty-four; that he does not feel sleepy, and does not suffer from the loss of sleep. When he does sleep he takes his nap in a chair.

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